

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
(Joint Inventors)

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I, Paul Metcalfe, Craig A. Homberg, and Walter G. Lockard, hereby declare that we are, respectively,

a citizen of the United States, residing at 35235 Quartermane Circle, Bentleyville Village, Solon, Ohio 44139-2469;

a citizen of the United States, residing at 1617 Chestnut Blvd., Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44223;

a citizen of the United States, residing at 147 Hudson Street, Hudson, Ohio 44236;

that we have reviewed and understand the content of the attached specification, including the claims (Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue Docket No. 427600800004), and we believe that we are the original, first, and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed therein and for which a patent is sought on the invention or discovery entitled

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and that we acknowledge our duty to disclose information of which we are aware which is material to the examination of this application, in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

We hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of United States Provisional Application Serial No. 60/071,159 filed January 12, 1998.

We hereby designate the following as our mailing address and telephone number:

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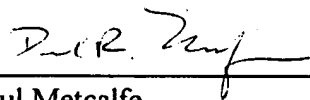
and appoint each of the following as our attorneys with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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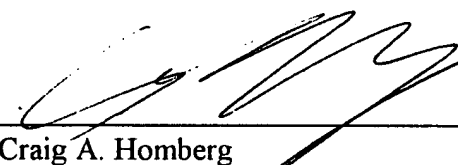
all having the above-designated address.

We further declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.



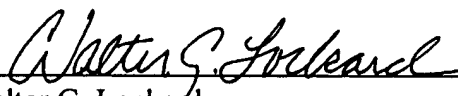
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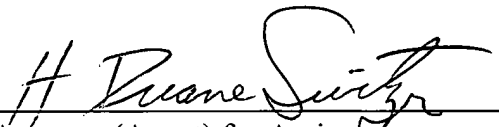
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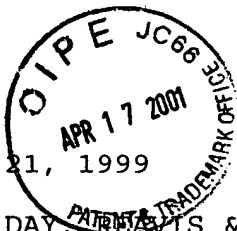
37 CFR 3.73(B) Statement

Attached is a copy of the Assignment of the previous application showing the chain of title from the inventors to the assignee.



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Paul Metcalfe
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2. Name and address of receiving party(ies)

Name: The Lamson & Sessions Co.

Internal Address: _____

Street Address: _____

25701 Science Park DriveCity: Cleveland State: OH ZIP: 44122Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? ☐ Yes ☒ No

3. Nature of conveyance:

☒ Assignment☐ Merger☐ Security Agreement☐ Change of Name☐ Other _____Execution Date: January 8, 1999

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B. Patent No.(s)

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5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:

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To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.

Deborah A. Satoran

Name of Person Signing

Deborah A. Satoran

Signature

1-12-99

Date

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ASSIGNMENT
(Joint)

WHEREAS, new and useful improvements and inventions have been made by the undersigned
in

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and are the subject of a patent application prepared for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and executed by the undersigned on the dates indicated below in the appropriate spaces to the right of the signatures of the undersigned, which application is further identified as Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue Docket No. 427600800004.

WHEREAS, The Lamson & Sessions Co., a corporation of the State of Ohio, and having a place of business at 25701 Science Park Drive, Cleveland, Ohio 44122, hereinafter referred to as "assignee", is desirous of acquiring all right, title, and interest throughout the world in, to, and under said improvements and inventions and patent rights therefor.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that, for valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, all right, title, and interest, in the United States and throughout the world, in, to and under said improvements and inventions and all patents, patent applications, patent rights, and inventor's certificates thereof, therefor, and therein, including without limitation said application for patent in the United States, all divisions and continuations thereof, all patents which may be granted thereon, all reissues and extensions thereof, all right to sue for past infringement thereunder, all patents which may be granted for said improvements and inventions by states or nations other than the United States, or by other authority, entity, or organization, and all applications therefor, have been and are hereby sold, assigned, transferred, and delivered unto assignee, its successors and assigns; and it is covenanted and agreed by the undersigned, and for executors, administrators, and legal representatives of the undersigned, that at assignee's request any and all applications, affidavits, assignments, and other instruments will be made, executed, and delivered as may be necessary, or desirable to secure for or vest in assignee, its successors or assigns, any improvement, inventions, right, title, interest, application, patent, patent right or other right or property covered by this assignment, and the United States Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is hereby requested and authorized to issue any and all United States patents granted on any of said applications to assignee as owner of the entire right, title, and interest in, to, and under the same, and appropriately empowered officials of foreign countries are hereby authorized to issue any letters patent granted on any of said applications to assignee as owner of the entire right, title, and interest in, to, and under the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this assignment has been executed below by the undersigned:

Paul R. Metcalfe
Paul Metcalfe

1-8-99
Date I signed this assignment

1-8-99
Date I signed Declaration or Oath

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COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA

The above named Paul Metcalfe, known to me, appeared before me this 8 day of January, 1999, and acknowledged that the foregoing instrument was executed as his free act and deed for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Rose Marie Melfi
Notary Public

(Notarial Seal)

ROSE MARIE MELFI
Notary Public, State of Ohio, Lake Cty.
My Commission Expires July 23, 2002

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The above named Craig A. Homberg, known to me, appeared before me this 8 day of January, 1999, and acknowledged that the foregoing instrument was executed as his free act and deed for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

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The above named Walter G. Lockard, known to me, appeared before me this 8 day of January, 1999, and acknowledged that the foregoing instrument was executed as his free act and deed for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

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